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SUBJECT: INDIAN NEWSPAPERS CARRY REPORT ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
STATEMENT ON "DIVERSION" OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL.

1. ALL ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS CARRY REPORTS IN JUNE 26 EDITIONS
ON THE SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE COMMENTS ON THE DIVERSION
OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR USE IN INDIA'S NUCLEAR TEST.

2. THOUGH HEADLINES VARIED THE STORIES FOLLOW CLOSELY WORDING
OF PTI DESPATCH BY RAGHAVENDRA CHAKRAPANI WHICH SAID "DR. HENRY
KISSINGER YESTERDAY SAID IN REFERENCE TO THE INDIAN NUCLEAR
TEST OF MAY 18, THAT A 'DIVERSION' OF FISSION MATERIAL HAD TAKEN
PLACE FROM A REACTOR THAT DID NOT HAVE THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC
ENERGY AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS." THE STORY INDICATED THE SECRETARY
WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION ON THE USG DECISION TO SUPPLY
NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT FOR PEACEFUL USES. THE QUESTIONER
ACCORDING TO PTI "HAD ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO SPECIFY, 'BEARING
IN MIND WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN INDIA,' THE GUARANTEES AND ASSURANCES
RECEIVED FROM EGYPT THAT IT WOULD NOT BECOME ANOTHER 'NUCLEAR
POWER' WITH ASSISTANCE RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES."

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3. THE SECRETARY TOLD THE QUESTIONER, ACCORDING TO PTI, "FIRST THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT THAT IS NOW REACHED WITH EGYPT IS ALSO BEING MADE WITH ISRAEL. SECONDLY, THE DIVERSION OF MATERIAL IN INDIA OCCURRED IN A REACTOR THAT DID NOT HAVE THE IAEA 'SAFEGUARDS'."

4. IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE PTI ACCOUNT WAS RUN ON THE WIRE ON JUNE 25, WELL IN TIME FOR BROADCAST, NO GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO OR TV CARRIED THE STORY IN NEWS BROADCASTS EITHER TUESDAY NIGHT OR WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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